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CHARITY BALL PRETTY AFFAIR

Winter Sports

Black, green and gold crepe paper ribbons festooned from above and gracefully covering the side walls of the school gymnasium formed an attractive setting on Thursday evening for one of the gayest festivities of the holiday season in this community.

The Charity Ball sponsored by the Mercy Hospital Aid society and presented under the direction of its president, Mrs. Emil Giegling, was given for the benefit of Mercy Hospital and proved a very delightful social affair.

The party was announced for ten o'clock and soon after that hour the floor of the gym was well filled with gay dancers tripping to the exceptionally fine music played by Emerson Brown's orchestra of Ann Arbor who played and sang fox-trots, and waltzes from a half cone shaped orchestra pit trimmed in black crepe paper and silver tinsel.

At eleven-fifteen the guests were entertained by a program of dances, the first number being tap dancing by the Misses Ella and Margaret Hanson. The young ladies danced in perfect unison and presented their feature with so much cleverness that the crowd responded with an applause that insisted on a bow from the charming dancers. Miss Mary Harriet Charters, Bay City, gave the last two numbers, the first, a very graceful interpretative study which showed unusual ability, the second was an interpretation of a young man the day following New Year's jubilee, which was highly humorous. Miss Charters gave the interpretations very cleverly and gracefully.

The domestic science room had been colorfully decorated with Christmas greens, lighted trees and tinsels for the lunch and here the guests found dainty refreshments, served in buffet style.

The party was as usual, a very charming, delightful affair, and a credit to the various committees. General Chairman, Mrs. Emil Giegling; Music, Mrs. C. G. Clipper; Advisory, Mrs. Esther Hanson; Publicity, Mrs. C. R. Keyport; Lunch, Mrs. C. G. Clipper.

The decorating was done by Mr. LaVere Cushman and a group of high school students, for which they deserve much credit.

The party netted the hospital some sixty dollars.

Among the out-of-town guests were the following:

From Roscommon there were Mr. and Mrs. Howard DeWeese, Mr. and Mrs. Duane McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Williams, the Misses Margaret DeWeese, Cecilia Henry, Sigma Soderholm, Clara Soderholm, Mary Sopasak, Nellie Fry, Margaret Gardner, Messrs. Blain Rutledge, Mason Dutton, Carl Gardner, James Price, Howard Mead, and Bruno Curran.

From Gaylord there were Dr. and Mrs. Refenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Munn; the Misses Jessie Lytell, Helen Kovak, Martha Kerchinski, Helen Shemanski, Florence Healey, Janet Madsen; the Messrs. Edward McVannell, Orley Myers, Cyril Lewis, and Jack Goodrich.

From West Branch there were the Misses Jean Arndt, Virginia Richardson, Helen Gray; Messrs. Martin Blumenthal, Erving Straus, Okel Mallard.

Mrs. Mary Harriet Charters, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown, Miss Helen Green, Wm. Anderson, Mr. LaForge, Bay City; Wm. Donovan, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pohut; Misses Beryl, and Nadine Pohut, Detroit; Wm. Dueker, Mt. Clemens; Dan Wurzburg, Northport.

APPRECIATION

The family of the late Mrs. A. Arnold wish to thank their friends and neighbors for their assistance and kind expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement.

NEW BANK OPENED FOR BUSINESS SAT.

HANDLED ABOUT \$43,000 FIRST DAY

Grayling State Savings Bank opened for business January 2nd, 1932, at 8:00 A. M.

During the day 41 commercial accounts were opened, amounting to \$20,246.27, also several small savings accounts were opened.

The first deposit was made by the U. S. Government through our local postmaster, Mr. M. A. Bates. The first savings account was opened by Mr. H. A. Bauman for his granddaughter, Grace Matilda Woods, Salisbury, North Carolina. The second savings account was opened in the name of young Ralph Routier. The first Grayling State Savings Bank check cashed was issued by Mrs. R. Hanson and C. S. Barber, Frederic, Michigan, purchased bank money order No. 1.

Mr. John Brun, cashier, says that bank money orders are carried for the added convenience of the customers of the bank. People can now buy their money orders where they do their banking. They can be purchased for any amount and have a receipt stub giving a complete record of the transaction. The fee is slightly less than fees for Postal money orders and the protection is just as good. Bank money orders are simply another feature of modern banking service.

Also during the first day of business 245 foreign checks were cashed besides a number of local checks and the amount of checks cashed amounted to \$20,955.00. All told approximately \$43,000.00 was handled during the day.

Mr. Brun says that in last week's issue of the Avalanche a list of Grayling State Savings Banks' stockholders was given, the names of Mrs. R. Hanson, Mrs. H. A. Bauman and Mrs. S. J. Graham were not included.

In reality these ladies are very substantial stockholders of the bank and have supported the institution loyally, but in order to simplify the matter of incorporating the bank, Mr. Eberhard Hanson acted as their agent and made the entire subscription for the Hanson family stockholders. Mr. Eberhard J. Olson is also a stockholder of the bank. Geo. N. Olson having made the subscription in behalf of both of them, likewise to simplify the matter of incorporating.

Business has been very satisfactory ever since the opening day.

Gaylord State Savings Bank sent a beautiful bouquet for the opening day, as did Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Marshall from Toledo, Ohio, and Carl W. Peterson, the local jeweler. Mr. Platt, Mgr. of the Tri-County Telephone Co., remembered the opening day with a wire and several letters were received from other banks and individuals expressing best wishes for the success of the institution.

APPRECIATION

The Mercy Hospital Aid society wishes to extend its grateful thanks to the following firms who, by their generous contributions, helped to make the Charity Ball a financial success:

Burrows Meat Market.

A. & P. Meat Market and Grocery.

Connives Grocery.

Nick Schiotz.

Cash and Carry Store.

Grayling Bakery.

Grayling Dairy.

Ausable Dairy.

Mac & Gidley.

Central Drug Store.

Shoppeagon Inn.

Lee and Cady, Bay City.

The Aid society also wish to take

this opportunity to express its gratitude to Mr. Cushman who took over the labor of decorating the gymnasium.

He not only achieved a

beautiful effect but accomplished it at a great saving to the society.

Remember the old fashioned free

trader who predicted that the Smoot-Hawley tariff would double the price

of clothing to the consumer?

Necessity

Our business is founded on a necessity. We want you to find us a necessity. We want an opportunity to convince you that we can supply your needs in Lumber and Building Materials. Our service and prices are right. One board or a car load.

GRAYLING BOX CO.
PHONE 62

ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lame Bode



POLICE RAIDED STONER HOME

OCCUPANTS JAILED; FIND MUCH BOOZE

The compiling division of the Department of State is making preparations for the handling of a far greater number of proposed constitutional amendments and referendums in 1932 than is usually found on the ballot in a presidential election.

By the filing of the requisite number of signatures, the oleomargarine tax bill, passed by the 1931 legislature, has been held in abeyance until the voters have an opportunity of expressing themselves next November.

Two petitions containing 5,000 and 15,000 signatures have already been filed with the department calling for changes in the state's prohibition laws, and it is understood that additional signatures will be filed within the near future. Voters will probably be given the opportunity to pass on various constitutional amendments regarding taxation at the next election.

To place a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot in November, 1932, 85,089 signatures are needed. To initiate legislation at the next session of the legislature, the names of 68,071 voters must be signed to petitions while a referendum on an existing law requires 42,646 names.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hoag were confined to the county jail until Wednesday morning when Sheriff Bobenrover took them to Bay City to face grand jury and ultimately, if indicted, Judge Arthur Tuttle.

Michigan 1931 plates until March 1 include Ohio, Illinois, New York, Wisconsin, Indiana and Pennsylvania, as also the Province of Ontario, Canada.

Among the favors furnished for the Annual Charity Ball was the coffee served at the lunch. This was the Quaker brand and was donated by Lee & Cady, Bay City. L. W. Harmon, representative of that firm made the coffee and did the pouring and it must have met with favor for over 400 cups were served, many calling for a second cup and four drunks as many as three and four cups.

The same fellow who, back in 1929, said that U. S. Steel would go to 400 is now just as sure that it will go to 4.

1931 Taxes

1931 Taxes may now be paid at Olaf Sorenson & Sons' store.

On account of the delay this year, Jan. 25, 1932 will be the last day for 1%.

After this date 4%.

HERLUF SORENSEN

Township Treas.

Indian Whoopee

A chief and his squaw and papoose
Who belonged to the tribe of the Sioux.
From AuSable's shore once cut loose
For a sail in his birch bark canoe.

He took fire water to drink.
And soon had a terrible "stew".
Struck a snag down river I think.
Made a wreck of his birch bark canoe.

Then out of the stream they'd been sailing
They emerged much begrimed to view.
And "hoofed it" back home to Grayling—
Where they dubbed the chief "Tippocanee."

* This was way back before the Volstead law.
—By the Ex-Space Filler.

WASHINGTON NOTES AND COMMENTS

(By Congressman Roy O. Woodruff, Tenth Michigan District).

Of grave concern to the country at present is the question of governmental action to make safe the deposits the people have entrusted to national banks. They have felt up to recent months at least, that money deposited in state and national banks, especially those belonging to the Federal Reserve System, was in some way so safeguarded by law that the Government itself would intervene to forestall any threat of loss. The disillusionment that has followed in the wake of bank failures since the depression, reaching into communities almost everywhere with all its attendant loss, suffering and privations, has been tragic. It is high time that a sign of "National Bank" or "Member of Federal Reserve System," or "State Bank," should carry with it the absolute guarantee that funds deposited there are safe and secure, and available for withdrawal upon request of the depositor. Today these signs mean nothing of the sort.

The National Banking laws originally enacted to provide a country-wide and uniform distribution of credits and responsibility to the central agency in the Treasury Department, have not been sufficiently protective of the depositors' interests. Practically the only safeguard against loss to them is the provision for assessment of the stockholders in an amount equal to the value of their bank security holdings in case of liquidation. When the Federal Reserve Act was passed in 1913, again the conservation of depositors' interests was not given the prime consideration that should have been afforded. Instead, the Federal Reserve System was established mainly to increase the elasticity of credits by enabling member banks to extend credits more freely through rediscounting commercial paper with the Federal Reserve Bank in their respective districts.

The confidence that has heretofore been practically the sole basis of banking between the depositor and the bank must be strengthened, if not superseded, by something more tangible in the way of a guaranteed him that he will be saved harm less in the event the bank for any reason is unable to continue in business. Confidence in the integrity and ability of the banker will always be essential and should be cultivated, but how much easier will it be for the depositor to have this confidence if he knows there is a guarantee or sinking fund, required by law to be kept inviolate for his benefit at he can promptly be reimbursed to the bank for any reason must liquidate?

That Congress is deeply concerned about this omission in existing law is evidenced by the fact that there have been a number of bills introduced in the present session designed to give the safety of depositors' money the place it should occupy in our National Bank and Federal Reserve laws. The two most prominently mentioned as deserving of early consideration by the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives are H. R. 6181 to amend the Federal Reserve Act providing for the protection of depositors in member banks of the Federal Reserve System against loss, and H. R. 318, to guarantee the payment of deposits in national banks. Both of these measures prescribe quarterly or semi-annual assessments on national or member banks in a certain fixed ratio to average daily deposits in the creation of a guarantee fund to be disbursed to depositors in case of dissolution of individual banks.

In prosperous times, such contingencies as have arisen in the past two years are not foreseen or provided for. The bitter lessons that are now being learned every day will be taken to heart, it is hoped, not only in the matter of banking legislation and practice, but in practically every other line of activity. To rely upon legislation as a cure-all, of course, is fallacious, but I do believe that in the changing order the United States, as well as the whole world is experiencing, the least the legislators can do is to humanize their endeavors to the end that the rights of the individual will be protected to a much greater degree than has been the case heretofore. The doctrine of "strong individualism" does not work so well it seems when we reflect upon the unequal distribution of wealth that has been the result of following this mirage. Theoretically, it is fine. Practically, when we stop to consider that the common people, whom the Lord must love, in the language of Lincoln, "because he made so many of them," are exploited from the cradle to the grave by those whom Roosevelt termed "Malefactors of great wealth," it must be conceded that they should at least be given such advantages as retaining control over the natural resources of their country and of a sympathetic understanding of their rights and needs by their representatives in the legislative halls.

"Countries which have adopted a gold standard seem determined to vie with one another to rid themselves of their stocks of silver at all costs. It is this boycott of silver by those who wish to make gold the only standard which has caused the disastrous fall in silver, rather than lack of demand." The most encouraging phase of the silver problem now is the effort being given, by business and by governments, to solve it. The most important of silver on a fair basis would not suddenly create world prosperity—but it would do much to clear the economic clouds now hanging over all great nations.

CIRCUIT COURT NEXT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday noon the January term of Circuit Court will convene at the Court house. There was no jury drawn for this term.

Following are the cases as they appear on the calendar:

Non-Jury Civil Cases:

Westinghouse Electric Supply Co. vs. Frank Tetu, assumpit.

Bloom Brothers Company vs. Carl W. Peterson, assumpit.

Philip Catman and Louis Kuehl, co-partners doing business as Ottsville Gravel Company vs. Venner-Siever Machine Co., attachment.

In the matter of the Estate of Ernest John deceased, appeal from Probate court.

Chancery Cases:

Edith F. LaMotte vs. Walter J. LaMotte, amended petition for re-hearing.

In the matter of the assignment for the benefit of the creditors of Marius Hanson, assignor, First National Bank of Bay City, assignee.

In the matter of the petition of Fred R. Welsh, N. Schutz, Marius Hanson, George Burke, Holger Hanson, J. Sorenson for the dissolution of the Grayling Manufacturing Company.

Lucille Curley vs. Hugh Curley, divorce.

Elda Serven vs. Herbert P. Serven, divorce.

Petition for naturalization: Emma Deneweth.

ENTERTAIN WITH DINNER BRIDGE

One of the charming occasions of the holiday social season was a dinner given by Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Green at Shoppeagon Inn Saturday evening. Place cards for twenty-four guests were found at a long table centered with garden flowers, flanked by green tapas.

At the Green home, following the dinner, the evening was spent playing bridge. Mrs. Emil Giegling and Mr. Lorane Sparkes held the high scores. Miss Helen Green won the house prize.

Guests included besides the hosts and their house guests, Miss Helen Green and Mr. Nat. Anderson of Bay City; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Giegling; Mr. and Mrs. Lorane Sparkes; Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clipper; Dr. and Mrs. Frank Bearach; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph; Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Motl; Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes of this city; Lieutenant and Mrs. R. E. Bates of Lansing; and Mr. and Mrs. Howard DeWaele, of Roscommon.

WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES

Regular meeting was held at the home of Miss Isa Granger Monday evening, January 4th.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1932

GRAYLING State Savings Bank opened its doors for business Saturday morning and thus Grayling people are again afforded the convenience of banking facilities. Since the Bank of Grayling failed to open its doors on the morning of June 22nd and went into the hands of the receiver, Grayling industrial and business interests and scores of individuals have experienced real inconveniences. Not only was their money tied up in the defunct bank but the privilege of procuring loans when needed and of depositing money for savings and commercial uses and the many other privileges of banking facilities were denied them. Even the service of getting checks cashed was not to be had. Now, however, this will all be remedied and once more banking service is afforded us. It does seem that after all we have had to endure that everyone here should be so down-right thankful to have a bank that they would do everything in their power to help to make the new bank a success. There are many ways in which this may be done. In the first place we believe the new bank is in the best of hands and its officers and directors are men in whom everyone seems to have utmost confidence. The bank is starting out with a clean slate and with no dead or frozen assets. Their business is largely to make loans and no doubt there will be sufficient sound, safe loans that may be had and people needing money and are in position to get credit should give the local bank the advantage of this patronage. And those having surplus funds should place their savings deposits in this bank. A bank needs savings deposits in order to make loans. Also persons having no checking account and wishing to make remittances, should favor the bank by purchasing bank money orders and they cost less than postal money orders, we understand. Thousands of dollars are paid out to outside firms and the use of bank money orders mean a fair profit for the bank. The banking hours are from 8:00 to 12:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The officers are under surety bonds and the bank is provided with burglar insurance, besides being equipped with a modern vault and time-lock, burglar-proof safe therein. In fact everything has been done to make the Grayling State Savings Bank a sound and dependable institution. That the institution has the well-wishes of almost every business place and many individuals in Grayling is evidenced by the fine tribute that is extended on the last page of this edition of the Avalanche. Pulling for our home institutions makes for a better town and the better the town the happier and more prosperous are those living in it.

WILL START MUSIC CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS

Mrs. G. G. Clippert will start classes in music for beginners at the School house, beginning next Monday. There will be a class for children between the ages of 5 and 7 years, and a class for those from 8 to 11 years. Mrs. Clippert has recently secured the Dunning system of improved music study for beginners.

Some of the Methods Used.

Formed into classes, the pupils are taught by means of symbols—dots, rhythm sticks, and movable musical characters—the fundamental principles of music.

An ingeniously constructed keyboard with grand staff attached, simplifies notation by uniting these two important factors. Transposition, Modulations, Analysis and Melody Writing are included.

Interesting games make otherwise tedious drills subjects of pleasure.

Stories and songs are given to stimulate ideas and cultivate musical intelligence.

The ear is trained with musical tones by oral exercises.

Sight reading forms a part of every lesson, although presented in a number of different ways.

Mental drills are employed to awaken musical thought.

The muscles of the fingers, wrists and arms are developed and strengthened by finger gymnastics and table technique performed to the rhythm of delightful little songs.

Musical principles are taught from memory verses which are easily retained.

The sense of rhythm is stimulated and developed by rhythmic exercises and songs.

Written work teaches the student that music is a language they must learn to write as well as interpret. Parents interested in having their children begin music should communicate with Mrs. Clippert immediately. Phone 89.

All the farmer used to have to listen to in the way of bank was the usual line of the lightning rod agent. Now, he has to listen over the air at least, to the statesman with his program for farm relief.

Legion Notes

BY A. H. GANSBER

The New Year's light of 1917 rising upon a frantic and war torn world, revealed at last even to America and the neutral world, the long hidden trend of this long dreaded Armageddon. The noblest nations of Christendom had now mingled in murderous strife and destructive war madness for two years and a half. Strict war censorship and partisan war propaganda had long kept the cruel war facts from the outside world. At home each nation at war always put forth the most encouraging war news, while hiding adverse news alike from friend and foe. But little by little the truth was seeping through the smoke screen of the war censors. On New Year's Day, 1917, it was apparent to all the world, that the struggle would be prolonged to an annihilating conclusion. The peace offer by Germany on Dec. 12, 1916, backed by the peace efforts of President Wilson in behalf of the neutral nations, had been refused alike by Britain, France, Italy and even revolution torn Russia. Yet in that hour America and the neutral world realized that the enormous forces on either side at war were so well matched that the injuries they must suffer and inflict in this Armageddon, were then immeasurable. The preponderance of numbers, wealth and naval supremacy were on the side of the allies. Slowly but surely their industries were being mobilized for making arms and munitions on a scale exceeding even the war speed of Germany. Control of the seven seas gave the allies the exclusive war trade of America and the neutral world, adding their industries and war products to their home production. Yet the net result of the land battles all through 1916 favored Germany. Worse still, Russia was rapidly drifting into revolution and chaos. Only America could now end this human slaughter and war waste, said war-wise Europe. America Still Works For Peace

But on Jan. 1, 1917, America still hoped and worked for peace. As late as Jan. 22, 1917, President Wilson addressed the United States Senate, hoping for a speedy peace without victory. Today we know from official source records that Britain and France bitterly resented this attitude of some neutral nations, especially in the new world. They could not know the age-old rivalries, hates and fears of war torn Europe. All the combatants in both combinations were gripped in a war vice from which no single state could extricate itself in honor. Belgium, Serbia, Roumania and thousands of square miles of Russia were in the hands of the German war machine. The northern provinces of France, invaded, and in the hands of the German occupation, inspired the French people with a commanding impulse to fight until their homeland was again under their flag. The trench lines and fortifications on which the enemy armies were in deadlock, ran not along the frontiers, where parley might have been possible. It ran close to the very heart of France. The appeal to national pride to drive out the invaders went into every cottage and home, stoking every heart for continued battle. Germany in the other hand, while her armies stood almost everywhere in conquered territory, could not in the full flush of her strength yield what she had gained with so much blood and treasure. Peace by negotiation based on her victory on land alone could satisfy her people then. The dynasty and war lords dared not offer and other forfeit for their original miscalculations. In the heat of war hates and war securities, any German government which dared to offer any other forfeit for their turn to pieces. Thus on New Year's Day, 1917, the French and allied war losses, and the German war conquests of territory, impelled a continuation of the ruinous struggle. In Russia the Romanoff dynasty faced revolution as a result of her continued defeat in battle. Victory alone could save it.

Europe Decides To Fight It Out. Such was the World war situation on New Year's Day, 1917. The German peace offer was meant for the folks back home, who were hard pressed and for Russia, whose war weary people craved peace and a more popular government. Official source records now tell the world that Berlin never expected the allies to accept her offer of peace by negotiation. In Britain obligations of honor to her suffering Allies, and particularly to Belgium, forbade the slightest suggestion of slackening the war pressure. Besides this decisive claim of honor, there walked up from the heart of the island race's fierce though somewhat suppressed passion and resolve for victory at all costs and at all risks, latent in England since the final disposition of Napoleon at Waterloo. No less peremptory were the forces dominating the other parties to this herculean struggle. Austria-Hungary could never admit victory to the Allies, without at the same time writing down her own doom as an empire. Russia's claim to Constantinople condemned Turkey to continue the fight. Failure in the war meant dissolution for Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria. Thus in every war quarter the war stakes were desperate and mortal. The several confederacies were riveted together by bonds which only the furnaces of war could fuse or blast away. Wealth, science, civilization, patriotism, steam transport, telegraph, telephone, radio and world credit enabled the whole strength of every belligerent to be continually applied to the war. To save the Allies, America must be won for the side of democracy. And in that same hour Germany decided on ruthless submarine war.

Hawaii has joined the list of 38 States and Territories which co-operate with the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, in protecting forests from fire. Nevada joined last July. The States, the Federal Government, and private landowners all contributed to the protective funds under the Clarke-McNary Act.

Another Act of the 1931 Legislature permits the refunding of bonds which municipalities are unable to pay, because of the failure of tax collections or because of the closing of a bank in which municipal funds are deposited. This provides that refunding may be permitted after a Board, composed of the State Treasurer, Attorney General, and the Auditor General, has passed on the necessity of the refunding bonds. The Board was unanimous in selecting the new Grayling State Savings Bank for its depository.

MAPLE FOREST NEWS

Miss Helen Woodburn returned to Mt. Pleasant after spending her Christmas holidays with her parents. A very gay New Years party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Richter. Cards and games were played and a delicious lunch was served. All went home in the wee hours of the morning, declaring it an excellent way to start the New Year.

The Busy Bee will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Woodburn, Jan. 14.

Mrs. Stanley Hummel entertained the Larkin Club Tuesday afternoon.

STATE DEBT OVER \$60 MILLION

Michigan's total public debt, including all public obligations of every nature, amounted to \$850,045,894.24, at the close of the State's fiscal year, June 30, 1931, according to a detailed report just compiled by Howard C. Lawrence, State Treasurer.

Created for the purpose of collecting funds for the retirement of these obligations were State and Municipal Sinking Funds. Fuds of \$83,028,003.57, or, an increase of \$9,433,153.64 in this "Savings Account" during the year.

All municipal units are required by statute to make report annually to the State Treasurer of their indebtedness, as well as the condition of their Sinking Funds.

The bonds of Michigan municipalities outstanding on June 30, 1931, were as follows: Sinking Fund Bonds or Long Term Securities, for which retirement is provided through Sinking Funds, \$233,121,766.57; Serial Bonds, a portion of which matures annually, \$363,736,876.50; Special Assessment Bonds which are obligations upon real estate included in Special Assessment Districts, \$57,417,383.59; Notes, Contracts, etc., principally short time or interim paper issued to finance municipalities prior to receipt of taxes, \$60,154,533.93.

Obligations of the State of Michigan were: State Highway Improvement Bonds, \$50,000,000.00; State Soldier Bonus Bonds, \$30,000,000.00; State War Loan Bonds (Refunding) \$2,250,000.00; State Fair Bonds (issued by the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Board of Managers of the Michigan State Fair) \$1,000,000.00.

For the first time the total amount of outstanding Covert Road Bonds and Drain Bonds has been compiled.

The report shows there were \$44,608,136.92 in Covert Road Bonds, and \$18,861,015.78 in Drain Bonds.

To retire its obligations when they become due, the State has created a Sinking Fund. For retirement of State Highway Bonds, the State Treasurer is holding securities, the par value of which is \$11,115,700.00 and the cash available on June 30, 1931, for this purpose was \$1,092,307.92. Securities with a par value of \$12,159,200.00 have been purchased as investments for the Soldier Bonus Sinking Fund, and the cash available for the purchase of other securities was \$1,148,333.52. Investments in the War Loan Bond Sinking Fund amount to \$522,000.00 and the cash available for this purpose was \$283,437.77. The State has invested \$100,000.00 in securities for the State Fair Bond Sinking Fund, and the cash available for purchase of securities at the close of the year was \$192,672.28.

The various municipal units making provision for their Sinking Funds for the retirement of their obligations and cash and securities on hand totaling \$66,114,746.68.

All municipal units must obtain a certificate from the State Treasurer before any bonds are issued. This certificate is to the effect that the governing body of the municipality affected has complied with the provisions of the law. Such a certificate is required also for notes which are to run for a period of more than six months. Certificates covering such notes, amounting to \$2,059,500.00 were issued by the State Treasurer during the year.

The Legislature in 1931, in effect,

prohibited the issuance of Sinking Fund Bonds by any municipality in this State, with the exception of the cities of Detroit and Dearborn.

This legislation became effective on May 21, 1931 and was operative for only a little more than one month of the year for which the State Treasurer's report has been compiled.

The State Treasurer favored this amendment because by requiring im-

municipalities to retire a fair proportion of their debt annually the failure to provide for the payment of debt cannot long go unnoticed, and no municipal administration is able to escape its duty of placing in the budget an amount for debt retri-

ment. Then too, the risk of future administrative dissipating the sink-

ing funds and the possibility of de-

preciation in sinking fund holdings are obviated.

Grayling fans will have an op-

portunity to see the Lumberjacks in

action for the first time on the home

court this season when they play Chequamegon Saturday night. This is a benefit game sponsored by the Woman's club, the proceeds to be used for charity purposes. Admission prices are 15 and 35c.

Mrs. James Reynolds' son, James and Mrs. L. J. Snock accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Green of Roscommon motored to West Branch Sunday evening owing to the death of Charles Morris, age 22 of West Branch who was killed in an auto accident New Years day in Indiana. Charles was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris of West Branch, and a student at Alma College.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Bates had

a happy household over Christmas.

It was the first time in eleven years

that the family had all been together

on this holiday and it was a very enjoyable occasion. Mr. and Mrs.

Benjamin Jerome and family, Syracuse, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Herniman and little daughter, Grand Rapids; Lieut. and Mrs. R. E. Bates and children, East Lansing, all were

there.

Grayling friends of the G. M.

Morfit family will be sorry to learn

of the death of Mrs. Morfit's mother

Mrs. Mary A. Mister, widow of Edwin C. Mister, formerly of Baltimore. Mrs. Mister, who made her home with her daughter Mrs. Morfit at Parlin, New Jersey, passed away on December 27th after a several months illness from a complication of diseases. The deceased had made her home with the Morfit family part of the time the family lived here and was well and favorably known to many of our people.

Michigan Still Our Wonderland.

Closer home, the new year beckons

to continued hope and faith. Here too, we have failed to make the most

of our peacetime opportunities for

progress and business prosperity. We

have taken too much for granted.

We have failed in the very first rule

of modern business, which requires

enterprising folks to buy of their

immediate neighbors. That keeps the

American dollar busy around home.

Brings a measure of prosperity to

all our neighbors, no matter how oc-

cupied in office, shop, mine, factory,

forest, field or waterway. This has

been brought home to us in central

Michigan by the operation of only

a few of our 21 Michigan beet sugar

factories. Several million dollars

have been paid out to farmers for

sugar beets. About 100,000 acres

have been taken out of production

of wheat, corn, potatoes, beans and

the like, of which there is now too

much. Hundreds of workingmen have

found profitable employment just at

the entry of another Michigan winter.

Nature has been kind the past year

to our sugar producers in farm

and factory. Congress has not done

all it might to stimulate American

sugar production for American sugar

producers in farm and factory. Con-

gress has not done all it might to

stimulate American sugar produc-

tion for American sugar consumers.

So Michigan need be on its guard

for the coming year. Make a "New

Years" pledge

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, January 7, 1909

County Clerk Collier reports 88 marriage licenses issued from his records during the past year.

There was no kick about the water pressure or the action of the department at the Commercial House fire Tuesday morning.

Tuesday evening about 30 young people gathered at the home of Harry Oaks. It was a pleasant surprise, and an evening long to be remembered.

School opened for the term, Monday morning with a full attendance. Grayling is much brighter this week than last. The teachers are all back from their holiday vacations.

Last Monday evening the fuse in the electric current to Mr. Sailing's moving picture show burst out leaving him in the dark, but is now re-tended so as to be running once more.

Born—Tuesday, Dec. 29, to Supervisor and Mrs. Craven, of Frederic, a son, "Charles" tosses his head in the air and puts on a great dignity as a French race horse. He is yet passing cigars.

The Herald Times, of West Branch, was thirty years old last week, just in its prime, and as bright as it well can be, deserving the liberal patronage it receives, and much more, which will come to it with the growth of the county.

Hurrah, three times three and a tiger for our "Fire Laddies." We undertake the assertion that no set of men ever handled two lines of hose to better effect than was done by our boys at the hotel fire Tuesday morning.

Maplewood Arbor A. O. O. G. will hold an open meeting to which all are invited on Thursday evening, Jan. 10, for the purpose of installing the following officers:

Chief Gleaner—Hans Christensen. Vice Chief—George R. Annis. Secy.—Treas.—Mary Stewart. Chaplain—Herbert E. Parker. Conductor—Andrew F. Parker. Conductress—Ideas Annis. Lecturer—Maud Belmore.

Inner Guard—Andrew Mortenson. Outer Guard—Arthur W. Parker. There will be a public installation of officers for the Crawford Grange Jan. 16. The following officers to be installed:

Master—Eliza Brott. Overseer—J. Shively. Lecturer—Carrie Feldhausen. Steward—Hugo Schreiber, Jr. A. Steward—E. E. Ostrander. Chaplain—R. D. Cunningham. Treas.—L. B. Merrill. Secy.—Perry Ostrander. G. K.—Charles Corwin. Cores—Sarah Merrill. Pomona—Laura Moon. Flora—Mrs. H. Schreiber. L. A. Steward—Laura L. London.

About one o'clock Tuesday morning our people were aroused by the alarm of fire, which was found to be in the Central Hotel, formerly known as the Commercial. The fire evidently started in the furnace room, and had gained such headway when discovered, that the building was doomed. Every room in the house was occupied and Mr. Sorenson's first endeavor was to see that all were out. Mr. Sorenson had \$4000.00 on the building and \$1000 on the furniture, with loss estimated at \$8000.00. The loss of the hotel is not only a loss to Mr. Sorenson, but a material loss to the town, as with that there was a lack of accommodation here for the traveling public. We hope, that following the ruin a much needed building will be erected.

Miss Winnifred Baker and Mr. Peter McNeven of Grayling, were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Baker at Petoskey at high noon today. The ceremony was performed by the bride's brother, Rev. Albert Baker, pastor of the Methodist church at Boyne Falls.

School Notes
(23 Years Ago)

The marriage of Supt. J. E. Bradley and Miss Edith Chamberlain dur-

POVERTY AND OLD AGE

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Emeritus Dean of Men,
University of Illinois.

Nancy was just telling me today that Brewster had gone into an old folks' home. It gave me a shock. We have known Brewster for a great many years. He was a young man when we were children—a prosperous young man, too. It seemed to me then: At least he had a good salary, he dressed well, he lived comfortably, and he spent money freely.

It was not that he was lazy or incompetent. Hard work did not drown him. Responsibility did not weigh heavily upon him. He was a real force in the firm with which he was connected for forty years or more, and as time went on he rose to one of the best positions in the organization.

Brewster's weakness was that he gave no thought to the future. Thrift, he did not know the meaning of. He spent his money as freely as it came to him. The more he made the more easily it seemed to slip out of his fingers. His more thrifty friends used to say to him, "Brewster, what are you going to do when you get old? You won't be able to earn as much then as you do now, and you won't like living on a less elegant scale than you now do."

"Oh, I've always been lucky," he said. "Some one will take care of me. Maybe I won't ever get old. Anyway, I'm going to begin to save one of these days."

But he never did, apparently, and here he is an old man dependent upon the charity of others.

No matter how small his income is every one can save a little, and he who saves regularly and intelligently will not have, as Brewster has, an improvident old age.

(G. 1911, Western Newspaper Union.)

DID YOU KNOW?

That Navy oil tankers are named for rivers? Usually these are rivers flowing through oil bearing regions.

That there has been a battleship named after every state in the Union? Five of these were scrapped under the Washington Treaty before they were completed—the Washington, Oregon, Montana, South Dakota, and North Carolina.

That 23 outstanding young men from Michigan and Northern Ohio will be enlisted in the Navy at Detroit during January, 1932?

That the above information was furnished by the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, 645 Randolph Street, 710 Lawyers Building, Detroit, Mich.?

Score one good thing for depression; it has demolished many superfluous complex egos. Shoe and Leather Reporter.

Arms Meet Delegate

Mrs. Frank Kile's sister and husband, of Mattanore, are spending the holidays with her.

Bessie Shultz was home for a few days from Roscommon where she has been employed for the past year.

Nettie VanSickle returned home after a four weeks visit with her grandfather, at Cass City.

Fred Shultz is breaking his three year old colt he brought from Maple Rapids a short time ago. It is a good one.

Wm. Kile sold his wheat at Roscommon for \$1.00 cash per bushel, and no kick it says.

T. Odell is working with his team for O. F. Barnes, this winter, drawing logs.

Mrs. Homer Benedict is improving slowly from her long illness, and her friends are glad.

Christ King says he has come to stay, or until he is starved out. Oh, that will never be Christ, if you have any of that grit you had before you went into the navy, and we think you have.

Andrew Mortenson draws a little wood to Grayling, to keep out of mischief.

Geo. Belmore is still cutting up the burned timber that fell by the forest fire.

Homer Benedict is at his old job, peddling meat every Wednesday and Saturday in Grayling.

Dr. Mary Emma Woolley, president of Mount Holyoke college, who has been appointed by President Hoover to be a member of the United States delegation at the disarmament conference in Geneva.

When Government

GIVES NATIONAL ECONOMIC PLAN

By ROME C. STEPHENSON
Former President American Bankers Association

We hear much of future economics planning to save the nation from a repetition of depression and promote

more stable business activity. I

know no better plan to suggest to insure future better times than that every wage earner, every family and every business throughout the country lay down as soon as they are able a program of

proper savings as the foundation of their financial policy.

I know of no better plan than this

to build for the nation as a whole

a stronger economic situation—that

is, through a common structure of individual working, saving and saving.

And I know of no better plan to re-vive activity in a depression than to spend a proper volume of past savings to keep the momentum of business going. But unless there are savings in prosperity there cannot be spending during depression.

Those who practiced this plan during the past period of prosperity have

a security and a protection against

present adversity that could be pro-

vided in no other way. Those who

did not are the ones who are now most

dependent upon others. If there had

been more preaching of this doctrine

then it was more feasible to put it

into effect than it is now, there would

be less depression and less financial

insecurity today.

However, while there should have

been more emphasis on savings during

prosperity, a measure of the em-

phasis today might properly be the

other way—at least to the extent that

those who can safely do so may well

increase their spending instead of

overdoing their saving. While many

have seen their earnings fall, there

are millions who have not suffered

so seriously in respect to the real

purchasing power of their incomes. If

we listened to all the scare stories

of the day, one might get the impres-

sion that everybody was out of a

job and nobody's business was earning

anything. Many of our people who

are able to continue a normal program

of prudent buying are curtailing their

expenditures beyond reason.

A Business Stimulus

The sum total of this unreasonable

curtailment of spending is an eco-

nomic influence contributing to the

stagnation of trade. By the opposite

token, I believe, the resumption of

normal spending on the part of those

who are able to do so would be an

important tonic toward the stimula-

tion of trade. I do not mean by this

that we should have indiscriminate

spending merely for the sake of spend-

ing, but the very motive power of our

economic life is the interchange of

goods; and unless we have that we

cannot have prosperity.

I strongly believe that we are at

that point in the depression stage of

the business cycle that any sound

stimulating influence will start a real

movement in the direction of a return

toward prosperity. So much of the

weakness of the old state of affairs

has been liquidated, so many maledi-

cations corrected and such large

volumes of our consumers' goods have

been used up or worn out that the

pressure of necessitous purchases

must sooner or later be felt. When

that time definitely comes we may

consider it the first impulse of a new

era of normal business.

When Government

Aids Agriculture

Demand for relief, agricultural or other-

wise, comes naturally from those who

feel most keenly the impact of eco-

nomic pressure. Those most affected by

it are those who are least prepared to

meet it. And the government, in its

efforts to meet the emergency, has

done a great deal to help those who

are most in need.

When Government

Aids Agriculture

Default having been made in the

conditions of a certain mortgage

made by Albert J. Charroux, and

Mabel C. Charroux, to Louis Dellaire,

dated the third day of August, A. D.

1926, and recorded in the office of

the Register of Deeds for the

county of Crawford and State of

Michigan, on the 2nd day of October,

A. D. 1928, in Liber I of mortgages

on page 410 on which mortgage there

is claimed to be due at the date of

this notice, for principal and inter-

est, the sum of four thousand

one-hundred and forty-seven and four

hundred dollars, and an attorney's fee

LAWES ON SUGAR-SIRUP ARE IMPORTANT FACT

homemakers' Corner

Home Economics Specialists
Michigan State College

Beginning Monday, January 4, and continuing each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons until May 28, the home economists radio hour will be resounding over Michigan State College's station, WKAR. The talks, presented by members of the teaching faculty and women connected with the extension department, will be given each afternoon between 3:05 and 3:15 o'clock, and will vary with the different phases of home economics.

During the month of January, the talk will be based on "Nutrition." Dr. Marie Dye, dean of home economics, will open the series with an introductory talk on Monday, with the remainder of the talks during that week to be given by Miss Elizabeth Wittaker, on the subject, "Dietary Standards."

A little floor wax thoroughly rubbed on the window sills will cause them to stay clean much longer.

Nature gives us flowers for the winter season. Bring them indoors.

The mother who is interested in keeping her family well will provide milk, fruits and vegetables, the so-called protective foods, for her family. One quart of milk for each child and a pint for each adult will provide the lime essential to the building and maintenance of good bones and teeth.

SAILORS ASHORE

The tradition from time immemorial has been to the effect that sailors are a roistering, unruly lot. Since the last this tradition has been losing force, until now a sailor is regarded as a normal human being. Yet here is what the Norfolk, Va., Beacon had to say, back in 1841: "We have seldom seen a finer looking or more orderly set of men than the crew of the U. S. S. Constitution. Their conduct as they pass along our streets is respectful and decorous. There is no quarreling or fighting among them, they appearing to act toward each other as a band of brothers. Their deportment, too, towards the officers of the ship, we learn, is respectful. As an evidence of their good conduct, we can state that they thoroughly dismantled and cleansed the ship in two and one half days after her arrival at the navy yard."

POTPOURRI

Emery Dust

Emery, which has for centuries been used for polishing gems, stones and mettals, is found in large, boulder-like masses. It is an impure corundum composed chiefly of aluminum and quartz. It will not melt and acids will not act on it; in crushed form it is put on bands for attachment to polishing machines.

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Latest for Milady



WHEN BABIES FRET

THERE are times when a baby is too fretful or frowns so hard he has to sing to sleep. There are some pains a mother cannot put away. But there's quick comfort in Castoria!

For diarrhea, and other infantile ills, give this pure vegetable preparation. Whenever coated tongues tell of constipation; whenever there's any sign of sluggishness, Castoria has a good taste; children love to take it. Buy the genuine—with Chas. H. Fletcher's signature on wrapper.

Fletcher's CASTORIA

Rumanian Army Spy Is Degraded



Colonel George Varsarn (left), a Rumanian officer, watching with stolid eyes as Colonel Petru, commandant of the army barracks at Mihailovce, Roumania, breaks his sword over his knee. Varsarn and four army officers were degraded from the army and sentenced to imprisonment for life for espionage. The entire corps of soldiers witnessed the



MEEKNESS

"Who was the first man?" asked the visiting minister.

"Adam," the children all answered in chorus.

"Who was the first woman?"

"Eve," they all shouted.

"Who was the meekest man?"

"Moses."

"Who was the meekest woman?"

Everyone was silent. The children looked blankly at one another, but none could answer. Finally a little head went up, and the preacher said:

"Well, my boy, who was she?"

"There wasn't any."—The Kablegram.

Interest

"I may as well confess that I am not as picturesque and prominent a figure as I expected to become when I attained great wealth," said Mr. Dustin Stax.

"I have no doubt," replied Miss Cayenne, "that many are surprised to see how much easier it is to make dollars draw interest than to make them draw interest."

Bright Youth

A corporal teacher was giving a lesson to a class of small children on a contrary.

Teacher—Can any boy tell me what a canary can do and I can't?

Sharp Boy—Please, miss, have a

COULDN'T DETACH



Guide—I'd like to see you apart for a moment, sir.

Sorry, but I can't detach myself just now."

Somewhat Inclinating

Mr. Jabs—Well, at last I have come to the conclusion that you can't make something out of nothing.

Mrs. Jabs—Oh, I came to that conclusion shortly after I married you.

New Bedford Standard.

Wrong Model

Lougumia—I thought you said Horntone married a man who would make a model husband. Now she is getting a divorce.

Pudluga—Well, he turned out to be a sport model.—Putzader Magazine.

Hard to Tell

Auntie—Say, Willie, sometimes I don't believe you know on which side your bread is buttered.

Willie—Yeah; sometimes I don't when you butter it, auntie.—New Bedford Standard.

Both Ways

Sergeant, pushing Harry and after giving him instruction—Now, don't forget, if anything moves, you shoot.

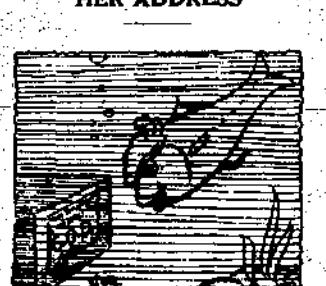
Sentry—Yes, and if anything shoots, I move!

Double Slam

She—You never hear of women cashiers running off with their employer's money.

He—Not often; but when it does happen they take the employer, too.

HER ADDRESS



Mrs. Codding—Why, I declare, that must be for me!

Proof Positive

"A bachelor has left his fortune to a woman who refused him."

"And then you say we men are not grateful."—Boen humor, Madrid.

Beyond Hope

Koda—What kind of a driver is Clarence?

Olive—Terrible—all he grasps is the steering wheel.

Paradoxical

"A sausage factory is an odd place."

"Yes, the best thing in it is the worst."

1933 BRAVER LICENSES SOLD

While reports have not been received at the Lansing office of the Department of Conservation, it is believed that about 1,000 beaver licenses were sold in the northern part of the state during the recent open beaver season. Each license was permitted to take five beaver.

Read your home paper
Subscribe for the Avalanche.

SHOOTING SEASON OPENED
JANUARY 1ST

The winter season for shooting began this year on Michigan's inland lakes and non-trout streams opened at midnight, Thursday, December 31. The season will remain open through January and February.

Last year spearing was permitted only on the inland lakes during the period "when the lakes were frozen over." Through a change made by the 1931 legislature only two months of winter spearing is permitted.

It is unlawful to use an artificial light in spearing on either lakes or streams.

The following species may be taken with a spear during January and February: Carp, suckers, mullet, redear, sheepshead, lake trout, smelt, pike (great northern, grass, pike or pickerel) muskellunge, whitefish, ciscoe, pilchard or menominee whitefish, dogfish and garpike.

Uncover "Main Street" of Ancient Olynthus

Main street, Olynthus, Greece, which has lain in ruins ever since 343 B. C., has been excavated by a Johns Hopkins university expedition, led by Dr. David M. Robinson, professor of archaeology.

An entire city block, with 27 houses, was uncovered by the expedition, and the fine street running north was given the name "Main street."

"In the houses we found floors of beautiful pebble mosaics, in red, purple, blue and white," said Doctor Robinson, describing the discoveries. These are the oldest mosaic floors known. Some have famous myths beautifully pictured in the pebbles. One floor shows Bellerophon and his winged horse encountering the mythical beast, the Chimera, which had a lion's head, goat's middle and the tail of a snake.

In his previous expedition of 1928, in which the ruins of Olynthus were first found and identified, Doctor Robinson was unable to locate the cemetery. This time he found two cemeteries.

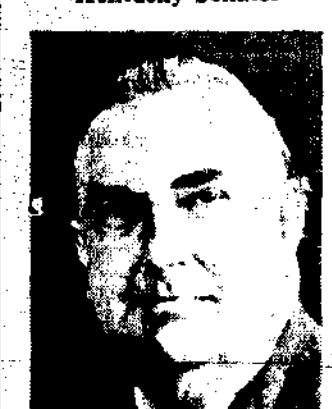
The houses that have been uncovered date from about 400 B. C. Doctor Robinson concludes. Olynthus was a large city, having a population of some 60,000, judging from its ruins. It was destroyed suddenly and violently by Philip of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great, in 343 B. C.

GABBY GERTIE



"A girl may arrive in the office at nine and still not get down to business till noon."

Kentucky Senator



Rattlesnake Flag

It has been stated that the use of the rattlesnake flag grew out of a humorous suggestion made by a writer in Franklin's paper—the Pennsylvania Gazette—that, in return for the wrongs which England was forcing upon the Colonists, a cargo of rattlesnakes should be sent to the mother country and "distributed in St. James' park, Spring garden and other places of pleasure." Colonel Gadsden, one of the marine committee, presented to Congress on February 8, 1776, "an elegant standard, such as to be used by the commander in chief of the American navy, being a yellow flag with a representation of a rattlesnake coiled for attack."

Keeping Up Appearances

Mr. Close—Since we are going to move, we can be satisfied with a used car.

Mr. Close—What do you mean?

Mr. Close—The new neighbors we'll know but what we were the ones who used it.

Based on Calculations

The law of averages aims to demonstrate that while the trend of human affairs cannot be forecast with certainty, it can be worked out to a considerable extent arithmetically by averaging at averages based on statistics relating to the event.

Tire makers have cut the price of their product from 10 to 10 per cent. In other words, tires are still being deducted.

Delayed Letter Gave Green Son to "Nassau"

Delay in the delivery of a letter gave to Princeton university a distinguished son who later became its president, according to family papers recently brought to light. The graduate and recipient of the delayed letter was Rev. Asaph Green, eighth president of Princeton, and the paper's son was the great-grandson, Asaph Green.

The documents revealed that the future President Green wrote to a friend at New Haven for information about Yale. No answer came, and in the meantime another person had accepted "the state of Nassau hall," which apparently was pleasing, and young Green matriculated there. Two weeks later the long-expected letter from New Haven arrived. It had been lying in a post office.

"Had I received it reasonably," President Green wrote; "I should certainly have gone to Yale and not to Nassau hall. Now here is the point toward which my long preamble has been tending—the whole of my subsequent life has taken its complexion and its course from the college with which I then became connected. Thus, my son, the overruling providence of God often assigns us our allotment in this world; not only without our knowledge, but in opposition to it and the disappointment of our fondest wishes."—New York Times.

Unchanging Demand for Silver in the Orient

Colonial America used Spanish pieces of eight as well as British silver coins. In 1704 the mint struck on the first United States silver coins—half dimes, half dollars and dollars. Two years later the silver dime and quarter appeared. From 1853 to 1857 a trade silver dollar for use in China was struck off, and from 1851 to 1853 appeared a silver three-cent piece.

Orontes have developed a genuine affection for silver. The metal is inseparable from them for it can be easily worked by artisans. It can be beaten to a thinness of one hundred thousandth of an inch. Until 1856 Indians could exchange silver for rupees at the Indian mint. In prosperous years excess money of the peasants was used to purchase silver which they fashioned into jewelry for the feminine members of their families. In lean years the silver objects were exchanged for rupees at the mint to keep the wolf from the door.

Although the mint discontinued the exchange the Indians' affection for silver has not waned. Indian brides still are ashamed to face the public without silver adornments. The silver market in China and India booms when crops are good and many marriages take place.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

All He Noticed

The usual crop of motoring cases was before the magistrates.

"Is it a fact," said the chairman of the bench to a nervous looking witness, "that the defendant's car went round that dangerous bend at 35 miles an hour?"

"Yes, your worship," said the witness, "it was quite that speed."

"Now, sir," said the chairman, "would it be possible for you to tell the court what gear the defendant was in?"

The witness gazed in astonishment at the chairman.

"Well, now, you're asking me something," he said. "But as he was traveling so fast I wasn't able to get a clear view of it, but I did notice that he had a bowler 'at' on and a red scarf."—London Answers.

England's Small Churches

Two of the smallest churches in England were submerged in a new reservoir to supply Manchester with water. But even when these two churches had disappeared Lakeland could still boast of having the smallest church in England—that of Wastdale Head, the roof of which is believed to be partly formed of the hull of a Norse galleys. Wastdale Head, however, has rivals for the honor of being the smallest church. Among them is the little church of Lullington, in Sussex, which is only about sixteen feet square. It is really the chancel of a former building. The regulars of Mardale church date from 1682, and the calm beauty of its setting has impressed visitors throughout many years.

Rats and Plagues

Rats in Europe for centuries were responsible for the spreading of plague. This disease, carried by fleas on the black rat, was not exterminated by improved sanitary conditions so much as by hordes of brown rats from Asia, which entered through Russia about 1700. The black rat was driven to the wharves and ships by this stronger rival. But eventually the brown rat forsook human company and lived principally in sewers, thus relieving Europe of plague.

"BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY"

14,000 MILLION ACRES BURNED OVER DURING 1931

More than a quarter million acres of Michigan land was burned over by forest fires during the 1931 season, it was reported today by the Bureau of Field Administration of the Department of Conservation.

The season's report shows 4,247 fires for the state burning over 231,237 acres, as compared with 4,700 fires and 263,000 acres burned over during the 1930 season.

The upper peninsula stood the brunt of the fire loss, 183,115 acres having been burned over during the season. Most of this damage occurred early last spring.

The report of the Department for each peninsula is:

THE CORK SCREW

We have a 1932 town with a 1933 bank that should help the cork screw.

Hotel Keeper—I have rooms for fifty and seventy-five cents a night.

Guest—What's the difference between them?

Hotel Keeper—Not much only the seventy-five cent ones have rat traps.

The Hanson Hardware Co. has a new electric skate sharpener.

Here is a good one—The Lumberjacks put a game in the bag.

The Hanson Hardware have a lot of good merchandise left for sale.

A chiropractor is a guy who gets paid for what an ordinary

guy would get slapped for.

New Years Eve—Your breath smells of GIN.

Yeah, I'm trying to get rid of the smell of Listerine.

We heard the Michigan Public Service Co. were going to string lights out on the lakes for the fish shanties. Better get your order in.

You can always get GOOD shells cheaper at Hanson Hardware Co.

Frank Kingfish Tetu is going to be the first man to make the jump at the Winter Sports Park. Be sure and get your tickets. They will be on sale early.

You will see things this year at the winter sports park that will make your hair stand on end.

Hanson Hardware Co.

Phone 21

Local Happenings

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1932

Miss Helen May spent the week end visiting relatives and friends in Pinconning.

Sam Gust spent last week with his mother Mrs. D. E. Winer in Vanderbil.

Mrs. Elizabeth Green of Roscommon is at Mercy Hospital for medical treatment.

Dance every Saturday night at Temple theatre. Music by "Bill" Johnson's orchestra. Dancing 50c; spectators 25c; ladies free.

John Dillon, age about 80 years passed away at the County Infirmary Monday morning. Mr. Dillon had been a resident of Grayling for the past 40 years and was a day watchman in the Salling Hanson Co. lumber mills here until his health began to fail and he was unable to work.

Mr. Dillon was born in Ireland. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Sorenson's chapel.

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We also do

Guaranteed Dry Cleaning

Hats Cleaned and Blocked, 50c—They look like new.

Ties cleaned and pressed, 10c each.

Call me Monday and Thursday A. M. and I can give delivery the following day.

Cripps' Cleaning Service

Phone 133

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott returned to their home in Ypsilanti Sunday. They were accompanied by Miss Lucille Hanson who will spend a few weeks in Detroit.

Mrs. Gladys Schroeder and Mrs. Herbert Ward left for Detroit Sunday. Mrs. Ward expects to undergo further operation on her eye which was so badly injured in the automobile accident last October.

Mrs. P. W. Martin, mother of J. L. Martin arrived Wednesday from Flint where she has been visiting over the holidays. After a few days visit here at the home of her son she will leave for her home in St. Ignace.

Miss Mildred Corwin drove to Lansing Sunday after having spent the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Corwin. She was accompanied by Miss Mary Schumanski who returned to Olivet college.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Barber and children returned to their home in Durand Sunday after spending several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Biggs. They were accompanied by Miss Viva Hoesli who will spend a few weeks there.

Miss Pauline Schoonover and Miss Dorothy May, nurses at Mercy Hospital, left for Detroit Thursday where they will enter the Childrens Hospital for special training. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Schoonover accompanied them as far as Lapeer when Mr. Schoonover returned, while Mrs. Schoonover continued with them to Detroit.

Your good will

AMONG our assets we like to count the only one that money cannot buy—your good will. And so, beginning 1932, we extend to you—not as a customer alone, but as a friend—

The best of wishes for 1932.

Mac & Julia

THE REXALL STORE—GRAYLING, MICH.

Following the holiday vacation school was resumed Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. LaVoy Cushman and son Robert spent New Years visiting relatives in Lapeer.

Don Smock visited over New Years at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Jeas Green of Roscommon.

Mrs. Arthur Feldhauser and two children of Lovells visited at the home of John Slingerland for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merrill, and children of Detroit spent New Years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Montour.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Green entertained the latter's sister Miss Helen Green and William Anderson of Bay City over New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Newland and Mr. and Mrs. Parley LaFayette were guests Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Leverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodbury and daughter Mary Lou of Bay City spent New Years at the home of Mrs. Clara McLeod and family.

Allie Failling and Harry Hum returned from Dayton, Ohio, Saturday, where they had spent the holidays, guests at the A. H. Wetzel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Sivars returned Saturday after a pleasant visit over the holidays in Cheboygan, guests of their son Teddy Sivars and family.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hathaway returned Sunday morning to Lansing after spending the holidays visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Anne Hermann.

Messrs. John and Isaac LaFayette, Mrs. Cecil Guerin and daughter and Mrs. Moire and daughter, all of Flint, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Leverton first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnston spent the holiday vacation in Flint also visiting in Jackson and Detroit while away. They returned home on Tuesday, reporting having had a fine time.

Having closed my downtown shop I wish to let my patrons know that I will do residential work. Telephone me for appointment and I will come to your home. Maxine Trudeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dawson enjoyed having as their New Years guests Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pobur and daughter Beryl and Nadine of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Peterson and children of Gaylord.

Mrs. J. G. Leverton was called to Vanderbilt New Years day by the death of her father, Henry LaFayette. The funeral services were held Sunday and Mr. Leverton and daughter joined Mrs. Leverton to be in attendance.

Wesley and Henry LaGrow left for Detroit Monday afternoon to accompany their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow home. Mr. LaGrow, who was taken seriously ill while visiting in Detroit, is so much improved that he was able to return home Tuesday.

Mrs. Gladys Schroeder and Mrs. Herbert Ward left for Detroit Sunday. Mrs. Ward expects to undergo further operation on her eye which was so badly injured in the automobile accident last October.

Mrs. P. W. Martin, mother of J. L. Martin arrived Wednesday from Flint where she has been visiting over the holidays. After a few days visit here at the home of her son she will leave for her home in St. Ignace.

Miss Mildred Corwin drove to Lansing Sunday after having spent the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Corwin. She was accompanied by Miss Mary Schumanski who returned to Olivet college.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Barber and children returned to their home in Durand Sunday after spending several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Biggs. They were accompanied by Miss Viva Hoesli who will spend a few weeks there.

Miss Pauline Schoonover and Miss Dorothy May, nurses at Mercy Hospital, left for Detroit Thursday where they will enter the Childrens Hospital for special training. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Schoonover accompanied them as far as Lapeer when Mr. Schoonover returned, while Mrs. Schoonover continued with them to Detroit.

John Stephan Jr. was arrested Saturday by Game Warden Babbitt for having an otter skin in his possession. Mr. Babbitt says he knew Mr. Stephan was trapping illegal animals but wasn't foxy enough to catch him in the act, so he secured a search warrant and found the otter skin at Stephan's home. Stephan was brought before Justice Cassidy and fined \$50 and costs or 90 days in jail. He paid the fine.

Grayling friends of Mrs. Thomas Yuill of Vanderbilt will regret to learn of her sudden death that occurred Friday morning at her home in Vanderbilt. The family had been holding a watch party at the home of Mrs. Ida Yuill and as they returned home Mrs. Yuill was suddenly taken ill and passed away in a short time. Heart trouble was given out as the cause. Mrs. Yuill is survived by her husband and four sons Ervin, Stanley and John, all of Vanderbilt and Walter a West Point graduate who is located in China. The funeral was held Monday and Rev. Edward Hartwell officiated. Mrs. Yuill's son, Stanley, and Mrs. James Shantz, widow of her son, were present. The Yuill family were members of the First Methodist Church.

Funeral services for Mrs. Archie Arnold who passed away Tuesday morning of last week were held Friday afternoon. Short services were held at one o'clock from the home and at 2:30 the remains were taken to the M. P. church at Frederic where Rev. Browning conducted services. Mrs. Browning and Mrs. Johnson conducted the memorial service.

Services were at the Frederic cemetery.

Three men out of town in attendance of the funeral were Jess Smith of

Alpena and George Smith of

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20% On all Blankets.

30 ladies' and misses' Coats to close,

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½ off
On all men's Suits and Overcoats.

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¼ off

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20% off

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Miss Grace Jones spent the week end at her home in St. Helens.

Miss Rosalin Lewis returned Sunday from her holiday vacation spent in Detroit.

Miss Lillian Swanson is spending the week visiting friends in Roscommon and Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo White of Adrian spent Friday at the home of Mrs. Clara McLeod and family.

Miss Josephine Nichols returned Sunday from Muskegon where she had spent the holiday vacation.

Dance every Saturday night at Frederic. New music. New management. 50c per couple; spectator 15c.

Mrs. Blanche Houghton returned Thursday from a two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Ann Arbor.

Miss Virginia Hartley spent New Years at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Henrietta Love in Beaver Creek.

William Christensen, switchman for the M. C. R. R. left yesterday for Mackinaw to work after having been laid off for about five months. He expects to "bump" Ray Preston at that place.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport and daughter Jane left Sunday night for Detroit where Miss Jane will leave for Nashville, Tenn., to continue her studies at the Ward-Belmont School for Girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Chalker enjoyed a visit over the week end from the latter's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry LaLonde of Standish. On their return home they were accompanied by the ladies' mother, Mrs. Isadore Valdai, who has been visiting at the Chalker home since early in the fall. Mrs. Valdai will visit in Standish for a time.

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Loose cushion back.

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